

Claim 12, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding claims" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 13, line 5, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 12" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 14, line 5, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 12" and  
insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 15, line 1, after "Claim 13" cancel "or 14".

Claim 16, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 15" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

Claim 18, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 17" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

Claim 19, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 18" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

Claim 20, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 13 to 19" and  
insert -- claim 13 --.

#### Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment removes multiple dependencies in the claims.  
Please calculate the Filing Fee according to this Preliminary Amendment.

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